

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 are cancelled. Claims 11-13 are amended.

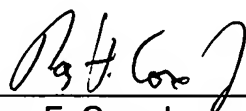
The examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-10 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,748,731. Claims 1-10 are canceled by this amendment.

The examiner has rejected claim 11-13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,748,731. Claims 11-13 have been amended into independent form by incorporating the limitations of the claims from which they depended. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith.

With the filing of the terminal disclaimer and the amendments made herein, claims 11-13 should be allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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